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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DENTAL CLINIC PARTNERSHIP WITH COLLEGE
EARNS MODEL PRACTICE AWARD**

Marion County Dental Clinic, College of Central Florida collaboration is one of 22 programs nationwide to receive "Model Practice Award" in 2014

Ocala—The National Association of County and City Health Officials has recognized the Florida Department of Health in Marion County Dental Clinic as a model practice for its partnership with the College of Central Florida.

Increased Access to Dental Health Care for Underserved Populations Through Community Partnerships was one of 22 local health department programs to receive the association's prestigious Model Practice Award.

By collaborating with the college, the dental clinic was able to expand from two cramped stations housed at the main Health Department facility to eight treatment areas, plus room for other services, at the college's Hampton Center.

Since 2003, the association's Model Practice program has honored local initiatives. All model practices are cataloged in an online, searchable database in areas ranging from immunization and maternal and child health to infectious diseases and emergency preparedness.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials represents the nation's 2,800 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities.

For more information about the NACCHO Model Practice Awards and to view a list of other award winners, go to www.naccho.org.

To find out more about the Department's dental clinic and to find out if you qualify for services, call 352-622-2664 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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